Connecting villages by roads

† 1489. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme to connect all the villages in the country by roads is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, what is the outline of the scheme;

(c) whether Government have estimated the amount to be spent under the said scheme as Rs. 60,000—Rs.80,000 crores;

(d) if so, whether Government have made an assessment regarding the length of roads proposed to be connected to the villages; and

(e) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Central Government are, at present, engaged in formulating a National Rural Connectivity Programme and have set up a National Rural Road Development Committee whose Report is awaited.

Target under NOAPS and NFAS in Madhya Pradesh

† 1490. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target of Madhya Pradesh in respect of National Old Age Pension Scheme and National Family Assistance Scheme; and

(b) the achievement made by the State in the year 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL

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